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UPDATE: Tripler Flu shot schedule

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Honolulu—Tripler Army Medical Center will continue to provide influenza immunizations to Soldiers, hospital staff, and family members in preparation for the 2006 flu season. Getting the flu shot protects you, your families, and all our beneficiaries. Shipments of the flu vaccine have been delayed enroute to Hawaii; therefore, we highly recommend that you check with your healthcare provider to check on the availability of the flu shot.

Active duty are **required** to receive the influenza vaccine each year. Civilian health care workers are highly encouraged to receive the influenza vaccine as it protects our patients from a serious illness. All other beneficiaries are recommended to take the flu vaccine, especially children and elderly people, as well as people with chronic illnesses. **NOTE:** Hawaii, in particular the Pacific Regional Medical Command, is the place from which most influenza cases have been reported in the Army so far this influenza season.

There are two main formulations of the flu vaccine this year: an injectable form and an intranasal spray form. Eligible, healthy people in the age group 5-49 years of age are encouraged to take the intranasal spray.

A mass flu shot immunization will be available to all service members, hospital staff, adult family members, DoD Civilians and Retirees Nov. 27.

The TAMC Family Medicine Clinic is currently vaccinating children 6-59 months old.

The Preventive Medicine Department along with the Joint Public Health Working Group will take the influenza immunizations to the public in the **"Pandemic Roadshow"**. Immunizations will be available at **Hickam Air Force Base Exchange Dec. 1 and Kaneohe Marine Base Exchange Dec. 2.**